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EXECUTIVE ORDER 05-38

SECRETARY OF STATE COMMISSION DIVISION CY Management Agency

WHEREAS, I have been advised by the Director of the State Emergency Management Agency that the State of Florida is requesting assistance under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) in response to Hurricane Wilma which has the potential to cause significant damage and the corresponding threat to the health and safety of the citizens of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida requests that Missouri provide military support, both personnel and equipment, beginning October 21, 2005, and continuing; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2005, I directed the Missouri National Guard to initiate efforts to comply with the State of Florida's request and any other request for the National Guard resulting from the hurricane response pursuant to the EMAC; and

WHEREAS, the EMAC is designed to protect the safety and welfare of the citizens in the affected participating EMAC states; and

WHEREAS, protection of the safety and welfare of the citizens in the affected communities requires an invocation of the provisions of Section 44.415, RSMo, which provides for emergency mutual aid with other states, and Section 41.480, RSMo, which authorizes the Governor to call out the organized militia as he deems necessary to provide emergency relief to a distressed area in the event of earthquake, flood, tornado or other actual or threatened public catastrophe.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Matt Blunt, Governor of the State of Missouri, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 44.415, RSMo and Section 41.480, RSMo do hereby declare that Missouri will implement the EMAC with the State of Florida to provide assistance because Florida anticipates the potential for significant damage and the corresponding threat to the health and safety of the citizens of the State of Florida as a result of Hurricane Wilma, and I do hereby direct the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency to activate the EMAC plan. I further authorize the use of the Missouri National Guard to provide support to the State of Florida.

This order shall terminate on November 30, 2005, unless extended in whole or in part.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, on this 21st day of October, 2005.

Matt Blunt Governor

ATTEST:



Robin Carnahan Secretary of State